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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED SPECIALTY  
11 INSURANCE COMPANY,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 SHOT SHAKERS, INC., et al.,

15 Defendants.

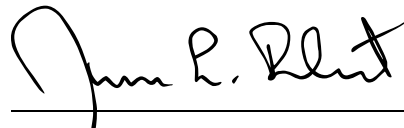
CASE NO. C18-0596JLR

ORDER STRIKING DISCOVERY  
MOTIONS

16 Before the court are: (1) Defendants Scott Simpson and Michelle Simpson's  
17 motion to compel Plaintiff United Special Insurance Company ("USIC") to produce  
18 certain withheld documents, or, alternatively, for the court to conduct an *in camera*  
19 review of the withheld documents and compel production of any document improperly  
20 withheld (MTC (Dkt. # 43)); and (2) USIC's motion for a protective order to prevent  
21 discovery of the withheld documents (MPO (Dkt. # 45)). The parties filed these motions  
22 without first requesting a conference with the court. (*See* Dkt.) The motions therefore

1 contravene the court's July 13, 2018, scheduling order. (*See* Sched. Order (Dkt. # 20) at  
2 2 (“[P]ursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 16, the Court ‘direct[s] that before  
3 moving for an order relating to discovery, the movant must request a conference with the  
4 court’ by notifying [the courtroom deputy] . . . .”) (citing Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(3)(B)(v))  
5 (second alteration in original)); *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(3)(B)(v) (permitting the  
6 court, in its scheduling order, to “direct that before moving for an order relating to  
7 discovery, the movant must request a conference with the court”). The court therefore  
8 STRIKES the parties’ motions (Dkt. ## 43, 45) without prejudice to renewing the  
9 motions in a manner that comports with the court’s scheduling order.

10 Dated this 9th day of November, 2018.

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13 JAMES L. ROBART  
14 United States District Judge  
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